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SUPPLEMENTAL REMARKS

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

These remarks are offered as further to the remarks of the paper filed on May 15, 2009, in which applicants amended claim 1 and amended non-elected claim 24. The invention recited by the amended claims 1 and 24 clearly distinguishes the present invention over the prior art.

Specifically, the present invention provides a combination of features which teaches one of ordinary skill to adapt the size of the electrolysis region to the size of the isolated structure in a way that permits constant electrical contact with a contacting electrode. This allows a constant electrolytic treatment of the structure in the electrolysis region and hence an optimum benefit of the treatment capacity. Further it provides an optimum surface distribution after treatment, because all regions of the isolated structures are treated in the same way for the same span of time. Additionally in the case of metal deposition it prevents the structures from not being contacted, which would otherwise lead to dissolving of the deposited metal due to the etching character of the electrolyte.

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